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Magwood Found Guilty Of Murder -

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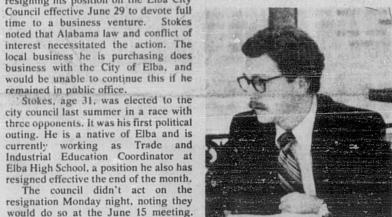


Trooper Cpl. D.H. Parker escorts Magwood from courthouse.

Stokes Resigns City Council Position To Enter Business

announced Monday night that he was esigning his position on the Elba City Council effective June 29 to devote full time to a business venture. Stokes noted that Alabama law and conflict of interest necessitated the action. The business with the City of Elba, and would be unable to continue this if he remained in public office. Stokes, age 31, was elected to the

outing. He is a native of Elba and is currently working as Trade and ndustrial Education Coordinator at Elba High School, a position he also has resigned effective the end of the month. The council didn't act on the resignation Monday night, noting they He has indicated to friends that he feit a



recommend to the council on June 15.

law enforcement officers and they work will accept whatever is decided.'

now put in 20-30 hours overtime each week, and stated records show that in However, this year the deputy sheriffs would come to over \$42,000 a year.

as long as it takes to get the job done.

They deserve to be paid for their work.''

Sheriff Paul reported his deputies following a strong lobbying effort by

the Elba division, Deputies John White had a similar lobbying campaign and and Tom Weeks have logged 2770 hours the bill was approved. The bill will and 25 minutes of overtime in the past 21 weeks. At an average of 30 hours overtime a week for the four deputies hours, and for any hours over 40 per and the investigator, the overtime pay week, or be given compensatory time

New Hope Man Injured By Neighbor's Shotgun Blast

serious condition.

Gibson, a resident of the New Hope community, who reportedly shot

Coffee County Sheriff Brice Paul house, reported Paul, and at that point reported that James Wilson called the Brundidge Police Department and 5-6 feet. Mrs. Gibson told authorities stated a man was lying in the middle of she was struck on the head by Crawley, County Road 79, approximately 200 but the case is still under investigation yards west of the intersection at New
Hope. When the Brundidge Rescue
Squad arrived, they found Crawley
lying in the middle of the road, bleeding

and no official series of events has been determined.

Deputy Sheriff John White arrested Gibson and confiscated the shotgun.

An elderly New Hope man has been from a shotgun blast to the upper left

of C.F. (Neil) Grantham, then sheriff of Coffee County. The jury, after only 40 Magwood had a gun and a state of C.F. (Neil) Grantham, then sheriff of

minutes deliberation, then recommen-ded the death sentence for Magwood. died of hemorrhage from gunshot A sentencing hearing will be held at wounds, no gun was ever introduced by 2 p.m. on June 9 for Judge Green to determine if the man receives the death Dr. Richard Roper, a medical exampenalty or life in prison without parole.

During the hearing, defense attorneys ment of Forensic Sciences, told the jury Joe Cassady and Bill Stokes will have a that he conducted the autopsy on chance to present additional evidence to Grantham's body at Hayes Funeral try and convince the judge that the jury's recommendation is too harsh.

Home in Elba later in the day on March 1. Dr. Roper said there were three Under Alabama state law, a case gunshot wounds. The first entered the receiving the death penalty is automati- chest and hit the heart, a lung, the cally appealed to the Circuit Court of aorta, and eventually lodged in a back side of the face above the ear and exited The defense attorneys pled their through the left side of the neck.

client not guilty and not guilty by According to Dr. Roper, this bullet was reasons of insanity. He did not take the fired from a weapon only six to seven City Councilman David L. Stokes represented on the council and would so When the verdict and sentence were

> showing no response to the jury's brain tissue and embedded itself in decision that he die in the electric chair. bone at the back of the skull. Throughout the two-day trial the defendant remained silent and still, usually death was a "result of acute hemorrwith his head lowered and often with his hands cupped over his chin as he listened to testimony. Several of Grantham's relatives,

outward reaction to the verdict.

case, Magwood, under tight security, was taken back to the Houston County Jail by Alabama State Troopers. Security remained strict throughout the trial which began Monday morning. cant. Sheriff Brice Paul ordered all persons

following an apparent argument.

Robert M. Gibson listens as his wife tells Coffee County sheriff's deputies that Langford Crawley hit her on the head. Gibson shot Crawley from close range with a 12-gauge shotgun

Sentenced To Electric Chair By Jury

muscle. The second bullet hit the right

inches from the victim. The third and final bullet entered announced, Magwood sat emotionless, the left side of the head, passed through Dr. Roper testified that the cause of hage...and trauma due to multiple

The defense attorneys, who were court appointed, later revealed a discreincluding his son and three sisters who pancy in Roper's testimony when he were in the courtroom, also showed no stated that the sheriff had a set of Following the adjournment of the nice Clay, an Elba dental receptionist and the only witness to take the stand for the defense, Grantham wore upper and lower dentures. However, discrepancy did not prove to be significant

Prosecutors Joel Folmar and Lewey

He has indicated to friends that he felt a person in his age group should be

New Bill To Cost The County \$42,000

A bill signed by Governor Fob James last week will force all counties in the state to either pay their deput over 40 per week; and Coffee County sheriffs overtime or give them compensatory time off for any hours work dover 40 per week; and Coffee County Sheriff sovertime or give them compensatory time off for any hours work dover 40 per week; and Coffee County Sheriff sovertime or give them compensatory time off for any hours worked over 40 per week; and Coffee County Sheriff side Paul reports the bill will cost the county at least \$42,000 a year in additional salaries.

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and then begin walking back toward the opinion, was insane on March 1, he did gist at Charterwood Psychiatric Hospi-jail. At that point, Magwood got out of not appear in court to testify. A state tal in Dothan. He had examined Billy Joe Magwood now awaits a his car and Weeks said he observed "an statue exempts staff members at state Magwood on April 23 and 27, 1981 at final sentencing from Coffee County object like a gun' in the man's left mental hospitals from having to honor the request of the district attorney's Circuit Court Judge Riley Green following a recommendation that the 29 While he did not witness the actual year-old black Vietnam veteran die in shooting, the deputy said he heard Judge Green to recess court Monday McKeown, who does not have any



State Trooper searches prospective juror with metal detector.

"We feel equal protection of the law paranoid schizophrenia, but he said he Stephens also produced two former has not been provided under the believed Magwood did know the difentering the courtroom to pass through a metal detector in an effort to prevent a metal detector in a metal detector in any weapons from being smuggled inside the room. Even though more than two years had passed since Grantham's and James Holder, who testified that they had heard Magwood threaten to "get even" with Grantham once he was that the prosecution could use state that they had heard Magwood threaten to "get even" with Grantham once he was the prosecution could use state that the prosecution could use state that they had heard Magwood threaten to "get even" with Grantham once he was the prosecution could use state that they had heard Magwood threaten to "get even" with Grantham once he was the prosecution could use state they had heard Magwood threaten to "get even" with Grantham once he was the prosecution could use state that they had heard Magwood threaten to "get even" with Grantham once he was the prosecution could use state they had heard Magwood threaten to "get even" with Grantham once he was the prosecution could use state they had heard Magwood threaten to "get even" with Grantham once he was the prosecution could use state they had heard Magwood threaten to "get even" with Grantham once he was the prosecution could use state they had heard Magwood threaten to "get even" with Grantham once he was the prosecution could use state they had heard Magwood threaten to "get even" with Grantham once he was the prosecution could use state they had heard Magwood threaten to "get even" with Grantham once he was the prosecution could use state t

additional salaries.

"I have always felt a man should be paid for the work he did," said Paul, paid for the method is chosen by the paid for the work he did," said Paul, "and the new law is only fair. I was for it 150%. My deputies are all dedicated law enforcement officers and they work law enforcement of the juntil April 1, 1980 at the reated him for nervous completely out inmate at the jail, park in front of the facility about 6:45 a.m. on March 1, 1979. He said the sherriff drove up "a little before 7" and parked in front of the facility about 6:45 a.m. on March 1, 1980 at the request of the work he did," said Paul, was now pointed at the jail, park in front of facility about 6:45 a.m. on March 1, 1980 at the request of the work law is only fair. I was for it would to pay all that overtime. The new law is only fair. I was for it would to pay all that overtime. The little before 7" and parked in front of new law is only fair. I was for it would cost about 6:45 a.m. on March 1, 1980 at the reated him for nervous completely out facility about 6:45 a.m. on March 1, 1980 at the request of the facility about 6:45 a.m. on March 1, 1980 at the request of the facility about 6:45 a.m. on March 1, 1980 at the reated him for nervous completely out of the facility about 6:45 a.m. on March 1, 1980 at the reated him for nervous completely out of the facility about 6:45 a.m. on March 1, 1980 at the reated him for nervous completely out of the facility about 6:45 a.m. on March 1, 1980 at the reated him for nervous completely out of the facility about 6:45 a.m. on According to Weeks, he saw the deposition that Magwood suffered from tion called Dr. Douglas McKeown to the that his client had also complained of sheriff walk over to a garbage dumpster paranoid schizophrenia and, in his stand. McKeown is a clinical psycholo-

"We think at the time of this incident...this defendant was incompetent...unable to determine right from wrong," Stokes told the jury.

The jury spent 1:15 hour deliberating on the guilty verdict and then returned to the jury room for another 40 minutes before returning the death Even though there was much media

interest in the trial, only 20 people other than reporters and law enforcement officers were in the courtroom for the jury's verdict.

Gamble Gives County 10 Days

The Coffee County Commission met on Wednesday, June 3, after a hearing with Circuit Judge Arthur Gamble and took action aimed at pleasing the

judge's most recent order. Judge Gamble ordered the commis-sion to take definite action toward building a new jail as he had ordered months ago, and this time gave the commission only 10 days to do so. After leaving the court hearing, the commission met in a meeting adjourned from Tuesday, May 26, and wasted no time in taking action as requested by

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In the county jail is Robert M. life-threatening.

charged with first degree assault and placed in the Coffee County Jail in Elba, Crawley to Edge Memorial Hospital in following a shooting on Sunday night, Troy, and then to a Dothan hospital for May 31, that resulted in another man's treatment of a severe gunshot wound. being taken to a Dothan hospital in Though his condition was serious, the wound was not considered to be

Sheriff Paul added that there were Langford Crawley, a neighbor, in the two different stories about the shooting, upper left shoulder with a 12-gauge but stated apparently the two men had a fight and Gibson and his wife went back to their house. Crawley started into the

We are trying not to think of the long term impact of the going out of business of Elba Drug Company. The drug firm had been in business continuously since 1898, and was the oldest retail business in Elba, being exceded in age only by this newspaper, which was founded in 1897. Owner Stokes Haire had been in business for 48 years himself. A direct impact on this newspaper is the loss of the firm's advertising. Elba Drug Company has not missed a single week advertising since ye ole editor came to Elba, some 17 or 18 years ago! The weekend move to consolidate Elba Drug and Whitman Drug caught most local citizens by surprise but was apparently well-planned. Haire said he plans to work at the farm and manage his rental property, help out some at Whitman's when needed, but mainly spend a lot of time resting.

At a fish fry on a nearby farm last week we heard a retired Elba businessman discussing the merits of Social Security. This man had paid the maximum tax since the inception of the 1, Jack; two daughters - Mrs. Richburg and Howard Foresystem and has obtained the exact amount of tax he has paid Johnnie Merle Cotter, New man officiating. Burial will into the fund. He then computed the actual benefits he had Brockton, and Mrs. Sherrie be in Evergreen Cemetery. Parrish, of Elba; three sons - Eris F. Paul, Elba; one sister into the fund. He then computed the actual benefits he had received up through his May check. The fact that is received up through his May check that the fact that is received up through his May check. The fact that is received up through his May check that the fact that is received up through his May check that the fact that is received up through the fact that the f interesting to this writer is that the benefits he has already received far exceed the tax he paid into the system. This matched with a comparison of cost to benefits we read in a recent copy of U.S. News and World Report. However, if the amount paid by employers on each employee were given to the employee each payday and invested along with the present SS payment, the government figures themselves indicate the Social Security program is a bit costly.

We hate to see City Councilman David Stokes resign his office but fully understand his situation. He is apparently doing a good job as a councilman and will also do a good job in retail ousiness. Alabama law would prevent him from selling merchandise to the city while serving on the council, and the business he is buying does a considerable business with the city. The city council will now appoint someone to fill the Mack Senn officiating. Burial three years of the unexpired term, and we hope they select someone equally as dedicated to serving the community.

Little Miss Elba To Be Crowned On June 11

> all of New Brockton, and Buford McKenzie of Panama The annual Little Miss Elba pagean will be held Thursday, June 11, at 7:30 City, FL: three sisters Bertie Creech of Coffee in the Elba High School auditorium. Admission will be \$3.00 for adults Springs, Mildred Creech of and \$1.50 for students

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ROTARY CLUB-- Mondays, noon--Holley's Restaurant EASTERN STAR -- 2nd and 4th Thursdays, 7 p.m. ELBA MINISTERIAL ASSN. -- Thursdays, 8:30 a.m.--

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Holley's Restaurant ELBA CITY SCHOOL BOARD -- 1st Thursday, 5 p.m.--Superintendent's office

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Brainstorms OBITUARIES Stokes Charged In Shooting

Mr. Carlos Helms, 77, Rt. Eddins, Foreman Ellis and Brundidge, died Wednesday, May 27, 1981, in an Burial was in the church Ozark hospital. Funeral cemetery, with McGehee-

services were held Thursday, Dillard Funeral Home of Commission Continued from Page 1

Survivors include his Barbara Hartzog of Rt. wife, Mrs. Eula Helms, Rt. Troy; Brenda Grimes, Jack 1. Brundidge; one daughter - two sons - Jerry and Mark Mrs. Estine Spring, Little Grimes, both of Rt. 1, Jack; Rock, Arkansas; three his mother, Mrs. Emma grandchildren, and one great Roberts, Elba; two brothers Harold Grimes, Rt. 2, Troy

and Sam Grimes, Rt. 2, Elba;

four grandchildren.

Thursday, May 28, 1981, in a

Dothan hospital. Funeral

services were held Friday.

John Baptist Church, with

Julian Shaw officiating.

two sons - Grover Wilson, Rt. directing.

2. Brundidge, and Charles

Wilson, Goshen; one sister

Miss Carrie Lee Stewart

Troy; nine grandchildren;

seven great grandchildren.

MRS. ELOISE McKENZIE

Mrs. Eloise McKenzie 86, of Rt. 1, New Brockton,

the Elba Nursing Home.

followed in the church ceme-

tery, with Searcy Funeral

usband, Joe McKenzie of

Rt. 1. New Brockton: three

laugthers - Gladys Sledge of

os Angeles, CA, Myrtice inn of Grand Bay, and

lewell Bowden of New

Brockton; four sons - Dewey,

Max and William McKenzie,

Samson and Mae Riggins of

Niceville, FL; two brothers -

Esker Simmons of Samson,

FL; 23 grandchildren and

and Elsie Simmons of Ocoee,

MR. LOYCE BRADSHAW

Bradshaw, 67, of Rt. 4, Elba.

died Friday, May 29, 1981

n.m. at the Elba Deliverance

Tabernacle, with the Revs

Jimmy and Shirley Hatcher

Cemetery with Hayes Fun-

eral Home of Elba directing

Bradshaw, of Elba; one son

Margaret Wyatt of Nashville,

TN: four brothers - Fleming,

Bradshaw, all of Elba; four sisters - Mrs. Clyde Ryals of

Phenix City, Gladys Phelps

of Enterprise, Merle Stricklin

Layford of Elba; three grand-

children and two great-

Mr. James Walter Smith,

72, of Rt. 2, Elba, died

Sunday, May 31, 1981, in a

Funeral services were held Tuesday, June 2, at 2 p.m. in

Fuller officiating. Burial was

in the New Home Church

Manuel Smith of Elba;

Smith of Elba, and Clarence Smith of Opp: five sisters -

Myrtle Holland of Niceville.

Elba, and Bessie Fillingim

Opp; five grandchildren and

MR. ELDRIDGE GRIMES

one great-grandchild.

FL; Fannie Mack and Jeanette Parker, both of

hree brothers - Wallace Smith of Quincy, FL, Otis

the Hayes Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. W.R.

Cemetery.

MR. JAMES SMITH

Tony Bradshaw, of Columhus. GA: one daughter

Funeral services were held

rulings to insure this tax may be legally collected. Charlie Mack Martin was absent and the remaining commissioners all voted in the affirmative MRS. THELMA PAUL A motion was then made by Rex May 29, at 3:00 p.m. at St. PARRISH Boutwell and seconded by Eugene Bradley, that the architectural firm of Revs. Harold Peters and Parrish, age 73, of Elba, died Pearson, Humphries, Jones and Associates, Inc., be instructed to proceed Burial was in the church General Hospital. Funera forthwith with the drawing up of blue cemetery, with Jackson services are being held today Bryan Funeral Home direct- (Thursday, June 4,) at 10:30 prints and specifications for a 40-man jailhouse in the Enterprise division. a.m. at the Elba First Baptist Charlie Mack Martin was absent and Survivors include her Church, with Rev. D the remaining commissioners all voted husband, Willie Wilson, Rt. Judson Vaughn, Revs. David

nusband, Mr. Charlie Lee rida; one brother - Judge

in the affirmative Survivors include her Parrish, Haines City, Flo-

Rocky Strickland, an 18-year-old Queen parking lot in Elba. Elba man, is listed in fair condition in a Montgomery hospital this week after being shot in the neck with a .38 caliber morning, May 31, at the Big Bear-Dairy two men apparently had an altercation police, who then notifed the Rescue

A motion was made by Billy I

Grant that an April 7, 1981, resolution

be amended to read as follows: That a

40-man jailhouse be constructed in the

Enterprise division of Coffee County,

passed for the construction and main-tenance of a 40-man jailhouse in the

Enterprise division of Coffee County,

and that a declaratory judgment be filed due to the adverse attorney general's

that a 1-cent sales tax be passed and is

Eagerton and seconded by Gilmer C

Arrested and charged with first

in the parking lot at 3:51 a.m. Sunday morning, and Stokes reportedly shot Strickland in the throat, with the bullet degree assault in the case is another coming out the back of the neck. Stokes Elba man, Charles David Stokes. The reportedly sent his daughter to call the Squad. Strickland was taken to Elba General Hospital and was later transferred to the Baptist Medical Center in Montgomery. The victim is reported to have nerve damage to his right arm, but

is expected to recover.

Stokes is out on \$15,000 bond

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The Four-Way Test

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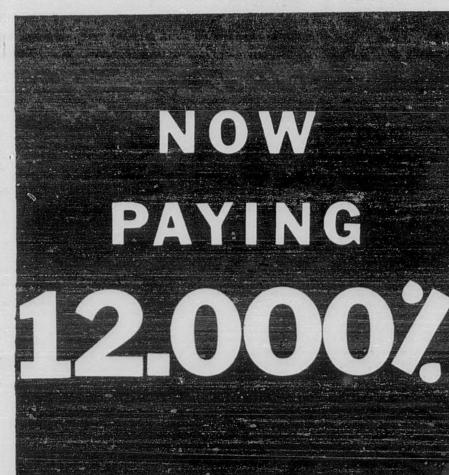
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PICKERS TUNING UP FOR ANNUAL BLUEGRASS MUSIC FESTIVAL



MAYOR BOB ENGLISH PROCLAIMS JUNE 8-14 BLUEGRASS WEEK IN ELBA TO COINCIDE WITH THE THIRD ANNUAL JAYCEE BLUEGRASS FESTIVAL. WITNESSING THE PROCLAMATION SIGNING ARE LARRY GRANTHAM, PROJECT CHAIRMAN; ED COWEN, JAYCEE PRESIDENT; AND SKIP RAINER, PUBLICITY CHAIRMAN.

Jaycees expecting record crowd to gather for event

By CYNDI MADDOX

their lives, they know there when it's going to be and ready booked to play. isn't always a wide selection they are really enthusiastic According to Grantham, the Jaycees. A buck dancing of entertainment to choose about it. We have folks more than 1000 people at- contest is scheduled on Sat from on the weekends. But ranging from the local gar-tended the Saturday night urday night with an adults on at least one weekend den clubs to teenagers com- session at last year's festival. division and one for children. during the year (with the ing out here," said exception of football season), Grantham.

Music Festival, scheduled on from the event. the second weekend in June "The motels fill up, the Farms, five miles northwest to the farm.

preceeding festivals. have lived in Elba most of bit bigger. People ask us different bluegrass bands al- anyone wanting to rent a

noted that the entire com-

and sponsored by the Elba restaurants have good busi- of Elba. They have erected Jaycees, has become one of ness on that weekend even three additional utility poles tion donated its \$2,000 prothe largest and most popular though we sell concessions at for a total of 13 to accomoceeds from the festival to the bluegrass festivals on the the festival, and the gas date campers and added two Elba Public Library and the southeastern circuit. And, stations have an increase in more security lights. Gran-year before all profits went to according to project chair- customers," he added. tham said five of the camper the local rescue squad and man Larry Grantham, this This year's festival is spots have already been re- fire dep year's event is expected to be scheduled to get underway served.

Old Truck

Festival

Site

as successful as the two by late afternoon on Friday, In addition to the music, "Every year it gets a little" June 12 and run through there will also be arts and crafts booths set up, and

"We've had people from The Jaycees have invited as far away as Missouri and patients at the Elba Nursing the normally quiet town is Not only do the Jaycees North Caroline here. A lot of Home to be their specia jumping as the sounds of reap profits from the several these people are retirees who guests at the festival's Sunbluegrass music, buck danct thousand people attending do nothing but follow the day morning gospel session. ing, and people enjoying the festival, but Grantham bluegrass circuit," he noted. Grantham said Jaycee mem-The Jaycees began work- bers will pick up the patients The annual Bluegrass munity enjoys financial gains ing in February preparing who are able to attend on the festival site at Taylor Sunday and transport them

Grantham said the rules this year are basically the same as those followed in the past. No ice chests will be allowed inside the roped-off audience area, as a measure o prevent alcoholic beverages on the premises, and there will be no swimming allowed in the lake. "Prohibiting the ice

boxes isn't fair to some, because there are actualy some people who don't drink and have sandwiches and soft drinks in theirs. But we can't allow some in with coolers and stop others." "We've never had any problems at the festival. There's plenty of law enforcement but so far we've never had a conflict," added

Last year, the organiza

Grantham. booked for the festival are Buck Springs, Old Truck, White Sands Panhandle Band, Porch Pickers, String Fever Band, and a local group, Jimmy Williams and The Gospel Grass. Also appearing will be American Bluegrass Express from central Florida, which has won the Florida State Bluegrass Championship three times. One of the more familiar acts on the line-up is Carl Story and The Rambling

Mountaineers. Story, ofter called the "Father of Bluegrass Gospel Music', had one crossover country song he wrote, "I Overlooked An Orchid" hit the top of the country charts on two different occasions. It was first recorded by Carl Smith and later stayed on Billboard Magazine's charts for 28 consecutive weeks when Mickey Gilley recorded it. To date, the crossover hit has sold more than 62,000

Tickets for the festival are \$6--Friday, 6-12 p.m.; \$8--Saturday, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.; \$6--Sunday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; and \$15 for the entire weekend. Children under 12 will be admitted free.

Local musician described one of the best sidemen

Jimmy Williams grew up in the heart of bluegrass country, listening to the pickers and joining in with the players as they congregated on front perches throughout the mountains of Virginia. During those family jam sessionswas when young Jimmy first began "tickling" the strings on his uncle's treasured mandolin. Since those days, Williams has traveled the world

over, both as a bluegrass musician and a missionary. After recording sessions in Nashville, playing circuits throughout the south, laboring in the Detroit automotive factories, and spreading the words of the Bible overseas, Williams has settled down in Elba. While four heart attacks and strict doctors' orders

have slowed his pace somewhat, Williams' music is still an important part of his life, and it doesn't take a lot of pleading to get him to pick up a string instrument and start picking. After almost 40 years in the business and playing with dozens of bluegrass musicians, Williams is currently the driving force behind the bluegrass gospel group, Jimmy Williams and the Gospel Grass, which will be one of the featured bands at next weekend's bluegrass festival in Elba. A story which ran in the June 1977 edition of

BLUEGRASS UNLIMITED described Williams as one of the finest sidemen on the bluegrass scene during its first decade. The reporter wrote "He gained a considerable reputation for his good mandolin work and distinctive tenor singing on early recordings of the Stanley Brothers. In the music's second decade, Williams attracted attention for his fine bluegrass gospel recordings with Red Ellis." The story continued ".... Having been in bluegrass

music almost from its beginning, Jimmy Williams can mark up several accomplishments to his credit. As an early sideman with Mac Wiseman and the Stanley Brothers, he helped give both the distinctive sound which has justly made them legendary. In more recent years -- first with Red Ellis and now with the Gospel Grass -- he had made significant contributions in the continuing development of bluegrass gospel music." The Gospel Grass is a family affair and consists of

While Virgil and many of the younger bluegrass musicians are likely to use a lot of chromatics for sound, according to the veteran Williams, he plays nothing but the "old fashioned" bluegrass. That is the kind of music he remembers hearing his mother and other family members playing on the porch at night after plowing and working the fields all day in Wythe

Williams on the mandolin, guitar and practically any

on vocals; and Paul Schutchfield from Panama City on

other string instrument that he picks up; his son, Virgil,

Tunes like "John Hardy", "John Henry", and Black Jack Davy that he playing on the jew's harp and pump organ and his granny strumming on a guitar tuned like a banjo, have remained with Williams.

When he was ten years old, Williams began trying his hand at music, first with a fiddle that had belonged to his father. The first tune he learned was "May I Sleep in your Barn Tonight, Mister?" And from there he progressed on to the guitar and eventually to his favorite - the mandolin.

"My uncle had an old metal mandolin, a National, that he treasured, and he wouldn't let me play it much, but while they were busy eating or talking at our family jam sessions, I'd slip in and tickle the string a little,'

But Williams no longer has to slip around to play a borrowed mandolin. One reason is because bluegrass musicians will travel hundreds of miles to hear him play it, and secondly, if he doesn't have a mandolin on hand that he likes, Williams will build his own.

While his picking and singing never rolled in the cash that Bill Monroe, Lester Flatt, Earl Scruggs and some of the other top names in bluegrass have enjoyed, Williams has played with the best of them -- including Monroe, Flatt and Scruggs, The Virginia Boys and The Stanley Brothers.

At 14 years old, Williams began his professional career in music, playing cakewalks and other similar school functions with his cousin and neighbor, Paul



Humphrey. They called themselves the Williams Brothers and later worked at radio station WPUV in Pulaski, Virginia, and eventually became part of a band called the English Ramblers. Later Paul attained considerable fame as a sideman with the Lonesome Pine Fiddlers and Jimmy Martin's Sunny Mountain

14 played fiddle and banjo on a session with Dot Records. He stayed with Wischan until the early 50's when he got a call from the Stanley Brothers. After several jumps from Wiseman to the Stanleys working as a sideman and finally going to Detroit to make a iving, Williams' health began to deteriorate. It was then he turned toward evangelism and dedicated his talents to bluegrass gospel. An album he cut with Red Ellis, HOLY CRY FROM THE HILLS, has been called one of the best bluegrass gospel albums ever made.

He and his family served as missionaries in Jerusalem, Jamaica and Haiti. Williams said he was surprised to find that the natives of those countries enjoy bluegrass music also. It was the Williams' evangelical work that led them to Elba. After conducting a 17-week revival service at the Elba traveling and settle down in Coffee County. Jim and Phyllis are currently operating Hard Times Thrift Shop in Elba, while Virgil recently accepted a position in Panama City teaching banjo lessons.

Not only does his father hold the distinction of working with some of the top names in bluegrass, but Virgil has played backup at the Ocean Opry in Panama City to some of the top names in country music, including Wendy Holcomb, Marty Robbins, the Bellamy Brothers, Johnny Paycheck and Merle

During his almost four decades traveling the bluegrass circuit, Jim has witnessed interest in the music steadily growing. The reason for its current popularity, Williams said, "It's what we were raised on. The music tells a story. Most of the songs are built around something that has happened and most people are interested in that. Along with the harmony it's soothing to the mind and heart."



American Bluegrass Express



COUNTY RECORD BOOK WINNERS .-- The Elba Rotary Mr. and Mrs. Robert Chambless of Route 1, Samson. Miss applied science, and record keeping. He has represented the Miller ounty at several district and state contests. He is the son of

Club recently presented watches to Deborah Farris and Farris' major work with 4-H has been in the clothing division. Robert Chambless for having their 4-H record books selected During her nine years in the program she has made as the best in Coffee County. Both are 1981 graduates of approximately 531 garments and 230 articles of clothing. She cantly below the annual infla-Kinston High School. Chambless has been active in various is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Farris of Kinston. tion level of 11.3 percent, 4-H programs including plant and soil science, woodworking, Presenting the awards on behalf of the Rotary Club is Dr. Tim

COFFEE CORRESPONDENCE

Fit: If you have trouble sewing poses a burden, you

If inflation is causing you to consider sewing to save finding ready-to-wear clothes may be better off buying with soap and water, money, remember that the that fit, sewing may be the decision between buying and answer.

fluence your decision.

making a garment involves Selection: If you want is a waste, not a saving. more than just cost. Time, clothes of better quality than fit, selection and personal you can afford to buy, sewing satisfaction should also in- will enable you to obtain them at lower cost. Or, if you sewing classes this summer,

Time: Evaluate the have a specific outfit in mind either at the Enterprise State wearing hosiery that fits well amount of time it takes you to and you can't fit it in Junior College or Extension sew. Compare it to the time ready-to-wear, sewing may that shopping requires. Com- be the only way to get it. from each activity. Only you you enjoy sewing? If so, it can determine which way is can really be a blessing for

Fairview community in Coffee County, won first place in the

Farm Bureau Women's Committee Casserole Cook-Off, held

recently at the Farm Center in New Brockton. Mrs. Sessions'

vegetable casserole was selected as the blue ribbon winner

from among 24 entries. Second place went to Mrs. John

Asher and third to Mrs. Robert English, both of Elba.

cook-off in Montgomery in September. She is a member of the

Bureau Women's Committee, in which she serves as

Samson; and a member of Fairview Baptist Church.

VEGETABLE CASSEROLE

1 can French cut green beans - 16 oz.

1 can shoe peg white corn - 16 oz.

2 Tablespoons margarine

one-half cup chopped onions

one-half cup chopped celery

1 carton sour cream (8 oz)

1 can cream of celery soup

10 oz. box cheese nips

one-half stick margarine

slivered almonds

one-half cup chopped bell pepper

one-fourth cup grated sharp cheddar cheese

This is the recipe for the prize winning entry:

Drain beans and corn well. Saute onions, celery, and bell

information chairman; a member of the Iris Garden Club of

Mrs. Sessions will receive an expense paid trip to the state

serves as a county director. She is also a member of the Farm every week.

GOOD FOOT CARE Some people are born with feet that are not normal. Others inherit a tendency for foot problems; but most people begin life with two normal feet. With good foot

identify early blight by look-

destructive disease which

difference being, Bravo is a

table powder. You can get

Daconil in a one- or two-

Coffee County and Alabama Cowbelle organizations, and 6 to 8 inches high. Spray grasses and weeds in a lawn cide now and continue this

about four days after that.

new budgets for establishing

PECAN BUDGETS

peppers in two tablespoons margarine. Add to beans and a pecan orchard. This is a plant soybeans now should

corn. Add cheese, sour cream and celery soup. Mix well and very detailed budget for plant a variety which will do

liquid and Daconil is a wet- LAWNS

your budget. However, if includes

ready-made garments. Re-

for energy and your ideal

Don't forget the water. Besides quenching your p.m. thirst, it helps carry nutrients Th to your cells, removes wastes, builds tissues, aids digestion and regulates body during the week of June temperature. Add exercise, and all attendance are served the n the Antarctic icecap. time can be your prime time. same meal at no charge.

All Around Coffee County

Folks are noticing a lot of early blight on tomatoes in the past two weeks. You can have lots of information on Folks are noticing a lot of early blight on tomatoes in the past two weeks. You can have lots of information on Folks are noticing a lot of early blight on tomatoes in the past two weeks. You can have lots of information on Folks are noticing a lot of early blight on tomatoes in the past two weeks. You can have lots of information on Folks are noticing a lot of early blight on tomatoes in the past two weeks. You can have lots of information on the past two weeks. You can have lots of information on the past two weeks.

ing at the bottom leaves of your tomato plants. If you specialize in information on (after June 10), you can plant

find round dead spots on the agriculture, home economics these same varieties except

lower leaves, your tomatoes and 4-H. For example, in Coker 156 and Tracy, and in

have early blight. This is a addition to all the agricul- addition Hutton, Cobb,

The best way to prevent and freezing information early blight is to use a which a lot of people can use We recommend leafspot

fungicide such as Maneb or at this time. Call us at control on peanuts begin

Daconil or Bravo. Daconil is 894-5596 or Elba residents either 30 days after planting

the same as Bravo, the only call 897-2776 for information. or May 25. Several pro-

pound package, but Bravo infested lawns are starting control now. Don't wait for comes in a large container. over again. I talked this the disease to show up.

Most homeowners would not week with Dr. Ray Dickens of Leafspot cannot be cured.

want to buy that much Bravo. Auburn about the best way You can only hope to prevent

spray program for early anew. Dr. Dickens sug-blight when the tomatoes are gested that undesirable with a recommended fungi-

sprig with a desirable lawn

You should start your for a lawn owner to begin it.

Several gardeners have gallons of water. Roundup days.

called about aphids on peas. will kill any grass or Aphids are soft-bodies, tiny weeds which have already

insects that suck on plant emerged. It will not kill seed

juices. Malathion is an excellent and safe material to use to control aphids or lice.

To keep from having to keep from having

wormy peas, you need to reason, it may be necessary

spray your peas two or three to spray your lawn which you

times with Sevin or Toxa- plan to redo about three

phene. When your peas first times at about 7-10 day

begin to bloom, put on your intervals to be sure every-

first application. Spray again thing is killed. You can

We have just received SOYBEANS

in about four days and again then go in and plant seed or

TOM CASADAY

office. We will be glad to difference in profits per acre.

many things that affect most Coker 156, Coker 337 or

tural production information, Sara Hutchinson has canning

Quite a few people who Even if your peanuts are only

have Bermuda grass or Bahia as big as your hand, begin

be sprayed with Roundup at until July 15. If rains begin the rate of 5 quarts of around the middle of July,

material per acre in about 20 lower the interval to 7-10

Wearing shoes that are can expect lower prices." If you are interested in fort. Also of importance is

and is clean. office, please call 894-5596 or 897-2776 for more informa- HEALTH HINTS

Washing the feet

Here are several health hints. To eat right every day, start with these essentials or enriched breads and cereals for iron and I vitamins -- four to five ounces of lean meat, fish, poultry, eggs, nuts or dried beans or peas for protein -care, most foot problems can three to four servings of milk the State Department of Edor cheese for calcium and these foods as you need them

Food prices drop in state during May

Anticipated decreases in produce prices and continuing good buys in meat and dairy products, led the way to an 1.8 percent drop in retail food prices in May, according to the monthly food price survey conducted by the Alabama Farm Bureau Federation. The total market basket

of 20 common grocery items registered \$26.90, 49 cents below April's total, and first five months of 1981. According to survey co-ordinator, Dick Fifield, consumers can continue to find some of the best buys at the

"Pork, beef, poultry, and

dairy products are all signifi he said. "Consumers would be wise to take advantage of these current prices and stock up, as livestock markets are unpredictable." Fifield reports that although produce prices decreased this month, they are still well above normal.

"It will just take time for these commodities to fully recover from the severe weather damages they incurred during 1980 and the winter of 1981," he said. "But as Keeping the feet dry, locally produced spring and member, a garment left especially between the toes, summer fruits and vegetables enter the markets, we

Prices around the state showed northwest Alabama at \$27.76; northeast Alabama at \$26.09; central Alabama at \$26.87; and south Alabama

Four servings of whole grain Summer lunch

entered into a program with ucation to operate a lunch riboflavin. Add more of program for children this pared and served at the Elba Elementary School lunch room from 11:30 a.m.-12:30

June 8 and extend through August 14 with a break

ducers started leafspot con-

trol two or three weeks ago.

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sight by making them aware of a few simple safety facts. Teach them the dangers of scissors, sticks, broken glass, BB guns, fireworks, bats, and balls, bows and arrows. Growers who are going to children's eye safety, send a stamped, self-addressed pour into a 2 & one-half quart greased casserole dish. Crush about one-half of 10 oz. box of cheese nips (by putting in trees. If you are interested in time of the year. For vent Blindness or to the plastic bag and pounding with a bottle). Sprinkle on top of casserole. Top with package of slivered almonds. Melt one-half stick of margarine, drizzle over crackers and almonds. Bake 30 minutes at 350 degrees farenheit.

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Those discharged during the same time include: Jeff Mauldin, Lou Emma Finch, Melinda Seacat, Carlos Smith, Sherry Harrison, Gerald Williams, Melissa Pridgen, Bobbie Nelson, Fleming, Mary Jones, Mel-vin Smart, Clyde Johnson, Reeves, Joshua Morgan



Elba Couple Injured In Collision

A two-car accident on Claxton wife, Freida, were traveling north on Avenue last Friday night, May 29, did Claxton, with Bullard driving, when a moderate damage to both vehicles and car driven by Randy Ray Hall of

approximately \$3000 in damage, while Pearl Warren, Lynita Blackmon, Marti Donnellan, Olebeti Moultry, Mamie

Dennie Willis, Rebecca Gloria Barlow, Perry Strick-Southerland, Anglisa Hagen, lin, Nell Cooper, J.C. Bout-Acie Mae McKenzie, Preston well, Ruby Adair, Una Fillmon, Diane Parrish, Bullard, Billy Smith, Thomas Mattie Henderson, Marzette Carr, Marie Talbot.

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Ray Charles Brown Found

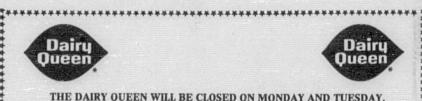
found guilty of manslaughter occurred as Brown was tra-on Wednesday, June 3, in veling at a high rate of speed connection with a wreck on on Highway 87, and met a

November 22, 1980, that took pickup truck driven by the life of Dave Owens of Owens headon as both

Brown was found guilty after a jury deliberated only two hours. Judge Riley Green ordered a presentencing investigation following the reading of the variety of the properties went around a Brown, driving a TransAm, earlier had eluded police in a high speed chase, but stated he thought he had lost them, and wasn't still the properties went around a Brown, driving a transfer to the properties went around a Brown, driving a transfer to the properties went around a Brown, driving a transfer to the properties went around a Brown, driving a transfer to the properties went around a Brown, driving a transfer to the properties went around a Brown, driving a transfer to the properties went around a Brown, driving a transfer to the properties went around a Brown, driving a transfer to the properties went around a Brown, driving a transfer to the properties went around a Brown, driving a transfer to the properties went around a Brown, driving a transfer to the properties went around a Brown, driving a transfer to the properties went around a Brown, driving a transfer to the properties went around a Brown, driving a transfer to the properties went around a Brown, driving a transfer to the properties went around a Brown, driving a transfer to the properties went around a brown to the properties went around a Brown, driving a transfer to the properties went around a Brown to the properties we

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Guilty Of Manslaughter



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Elba, Alabama

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Billy Ray Smith Escapes Serious Injury As Car

hospital this week following a one-car accident early Sunday morning, May 31, on Highway 189, south of Elba. Billy Ray Smith, a resident of Elba, pparently lost control of the Chevrolet Nova he was driving, struck part of the

oridge rail at the four-mile bridge and

careened down a steep embankment.

coming to rest in a small creek

approximately 40 feet below the bridge. Keith Cotter of Elba drove past the bridge shortly before 8 a.m. and after

Plunges Into Creek stopped to investigate. He looked down damaged car with a passenger inside Cotter then drove to the Elba Police Department and reported the wreck. taken to the Elba General Hospital, ther

ransferred to an Enterprise hospital Elba police officers reported Smith was in water from his waist down, and water was only 6-8 inches deep, a fact that could have saved Smith's life.

Widow Of Tax Assessor Files \$27,834 Suit

by the widow of former Coffee County Tax Assessor, W.T. "Mack" McKinney. The suit, filed on Tuesday, May 26, in Enterprise, contends that the county owes the money for work done by the tax assessor for losses he incurred due to the property tax reappraisal program.

McKinney, who died April 5 while in office, first asked the commission for the money on March 10, 1980. At a McKinney asked for \$27,834.34 to cover additional salaries he had to pay due to the reappraisal program. The tax assessor stated he paid \$12,141.19 in salaries from April, 1978, to October, 1978, and \$15,693.15 in salaries from October 1978 to September 1979.

The commission was in doubt over the legality of the request and asked for an attorney general's opinion. The attorney general replied, "It will be necessary for the county commission to determine for itself that the additional cost and salaries to be paid were the result of the reappraisal program. However, acting on the fact that the presumption is true, the commission should reimburse the tax assessor for the work he performed."

At a March 24 commission meeting, McKinney brought along Johnny Bowden, a certified public accountant, who gave a detailed report or McKinney's finances. The report showed that from April 10, 1978, to September 30, 1979, McKinney took in \$64,333.50 in commission from fees, and had \$65,376.70 in expenses for a net loss of \$1,043.20. When a \$10,572.13 in personal withdrawals was added, the loss came to \$11,615.33.

The commission failed to take any action, and on October 27, 1980, McKinney was back before the com-

note on his home and property to cover October, 1979. He also stated that during that time he had spent over \$1,000 out of his own pocket. He reported he needed \$30,326.26 to cover all the expenses. If paid, McKinney said it would leave him with a total salary of \$11,221.51 for 18 months work.

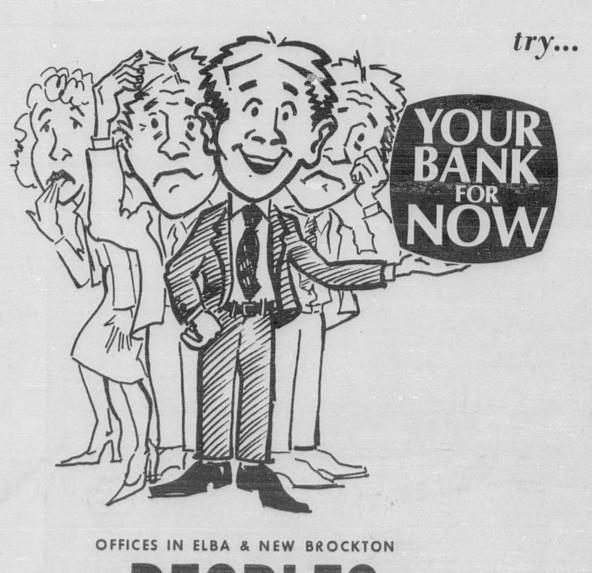
McKinney passed out copies of Act #79-587 which authorized the commission to reimburse the tax assessor up to \$40,000 for services during the re-appraisal program. The commission was sympathetic to McKinney's plea, but as before, it stated every county agency should pay their share of the

McKinney's final meeting with the mmission came on November 24. 1980, when he presented a detailed breakdown on the funds needed from each county agency to meet the \$30,000 needed to cover his personal losses due to the reappraisal program. The breakdown went as follows: county commission - \$12,900; Enterprise - \$8,850; Elba - \$600; New Brockton -\$90; Kinston - \$60, and the three school boards - \$7,500.

The offices of the tax assessor and tax collector were combined in January. 1981, when McKinney became too ill to serve, and the request was forgotten until the lawsuit was filed last week.



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Sheriff Adds Two **New Deputies**

understaffed" Coffee County Sheriff's on the overtime."

of this state mandate, the Coffee County the sheriff's Enterprise office for the pay or time-off. past eight years as a clerk. According to

will work the evening shift. After more than an hour's discus-

Sheriff Paul told the commissioners

accumulated 66.5 hours overtime in a Boutwell's suggestion that the deputies during the past 21 weeks, which continued. amounted to "free" time they were Commissioner Martin suggested giving the county.

and a-half will be paid for each hour meeting to work out a solution to the worked over the regular 40 hours, Paul problem. But Rowe suggested that they fold the commissioners that the depu- not wait any longer to take action. ties probably would not mind so much overtime. But, he added, they would go by without an emergency--a murder, also like some time off work, but with rape, or robbery. I don't see how you're the understaffing, he could not grant going to limit them to no overtime. Going to limit them to no overtime. When they get a call, they've got to go.

> Bluegrass Festival Schedule

6-6:45 Jimmy Williams & Gospel Grass 6:50-7:35 String Fever Band 7:40-8:25 Buckspring 8:30-9:15 Carl Story & Rambling Mteers 9:20-10:10 Jimmy Williams & Gospel 10:15-11:05 White Sands Panhandle

11:10-12 Old Truck

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A bill recently signed into law by "But we'll make our dead level best to Governor Fob James has ushered in some relief to the "overworked and more folks would drastically cut down

The new law provides that all the sheriff that overtime pay is prohideputies who work more than a 40-hour bited by county policy. However, the week must be given overtime pay or commission's attorney, Warren Rowe, compensatory time off-duty. As a result said state law overrides county policy. Commission authorized Sheriff Brice not authorize any overtime, therefore Paul Monday to hire two more deputies.

Dennis Hobbs and June Harrison

the deputies worked more than 40 hours, they would not have to pay it. have been added to the deputy force. Once again, Rowe reminded them that Hobbs worked with the sheriff's depart- they were dealing with state law and it ment as a felony squad investigator. didn't give the commission a choice of He was hired under an LEPA grant and authorizing overtime or comp time, but Paul said the grant was nearing its the law states that the commission expiration date. Harrison has worked in "shall" afford deputies a choice of extra

the sheriff, she will be on the road with We would like some time off. But when the primary duty of serving civil papers. I work I want to get paid for it," Deputy Hobbs, along with Bobby Whigham, Jim Henderson told the county's government. erning body.

sion, the commissioners split their vote on the hiring with Billy Eagerton, Gilmer Grant, and Rex Boutwell opposing the move, and Charlie Mack Martin, Marvin Bowden, and Eugene Martin, Martin, Marvin Bowden, and Eugene Martin, Bradley favoring it. Commission Chair-man James L. Sawyer broke the tie by tion and he has to get back into uniform voting in favor of Bradley's motion to and go to the scene. increase the sheriff's staff. "What am I suppose to do when a

woman calls me at home, hysterical that he and four deputies were having to patrol 860 square miles in Coffee Am I suppose to tell her that I can't help County and provide protection to 30,000 her because I've already worked my He also submitted time sheets on between then and the time I go back on about one and one-fourth miles from the the four deputies that showed they duty," Whigham said in reponse to store.

His records showed that Deputies John to work those hours free for four years, White and Thomas Weeks logged 2,770 then I should be good enough to get hours and 25 minutes of overtime paid for working now," Whigham

that the overtime for last month be paid, but that two of the commissioners meet Since the new law states that time with the sheriff before the June 22 "There's not many days that don't

"I'm not going to promise you If they don't, it's going to be a personal fellows that by hiring someone else, liability back on you men," Rowe stated. "Crime doesn't work a 40-hour

After the commission authorized the hiring of two additional deputies, Paul agreed to limit overtime to a minimum and to personally authorize all extra



The accident scene shows debris scattered over a large area car protecting the assumed point of impact at bottom right, with John Bradshaw's car at left with the trunk sprung open, and another trooper car blocking traffic from the east. the truck at the top right and the rear corner of a state trooper

Man Killed In Three-Vehicle Mishap

John Bradshaw, 65, was killed or stopped to turn left across eastbound was Bradshaw's right side of the road. ported by a Elba Rescue Squad unit. instantly Monday afternoon shortly traffic, the victim apparently swerved The truck traveled about two truck. However, family members at the scene

accumulated 66.5 hours overtime in a four-day period from May 28 (the day the bill was ciosed) until the lest day of the bill was ciosed) until the lest day of the bill was ciosed) until the lest day of the bill was ciosed) until the lest day of the bill was ciosed) until the lest day of the bill was ciosed) until the lest day of the bill was ciosed) until the lest day of the bill was ciosed) until the lest day of the bill was ciosed) until the lest day of the bill was ciosed) until the lest day of the bill was ciosed) until the lest day of the bill was ciosed) until the lest day of the bill was ciosed) until the lest day of the bill was ciosed) until the lest day of the bill was ciosed) until the lest day of the bill was ciosed as the bill was cio the bill was signed) until the last day of the month. According to the sheriff, this the month according to the sheriff, the month according to the sheriff the month according to the sheriff that the month according to the sheriff

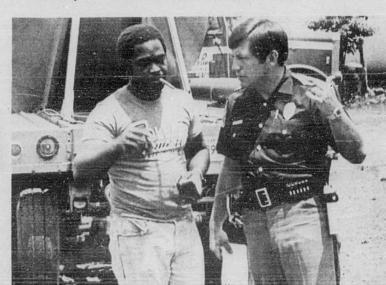
lot of stovewood can fly through the air east of Elba, when the accident occured then he apparently turned or skidded wheels lying flat on the ground.

after 1 p.m. in a three-vehicle accident. left in an attempt to avoid colliding with lengths and off the road to its right, reported that he was already dead from people, primarily and provide protection to so, so leight house to wait the was returning from his home to his the stopped car. He hit the left rear tail jack-knifed and came to rest with the massive head injuries before the rescue that more personnel were needed to that more personnel were needed to the was returning? Gentlemen, a store on the New Brockton highway, light of his brother Earnest's car and front-end ripped out and the front unit arrived. John Bradshaw was thrown from his The driver of the truck for Poole

into the path of a tractor-trailer rig that car during the collision and was on the Truck Lines of Evergreen was Donald



Bystanders look over John Bradshaw's car as the rescue unit



State Trooper R.W. Whitworth talks with truck driver Donald Higginbotham immediately after arriving at the scene.

Commissioners Want Roads Mowed, Garbage Removed

Overgrown brush and illegal garbage dumps alongside Coffee County roads were major topics of discussion at Monday's Coffee County Commission him a raise or else he would accept the

Commissioner Billy Eagerton told want to lose the employee so be done to stop the dumping.

"The landowners in District 2 are tired of this garbage being thrown out, as are landowners in the other districts,

I'm sure," said Eagerton. grounds and erected signs prohibiting voted 4-2 to allow Bowden to hire a garbage from being deposited on the roadsides. However, it keeps reappearing, Sawyer added. He asked County Engineer Charles Bowden to cover stipulates that new personnel be hired these areas once again and said he at minimum wage.

Commissioner Rex Boutwell asked
Bowden about the status of the county's
bushhogs and noted that "the roads are
starting to grow up." Bowden said he
bids on asphalt, which will be opened on will soon start mowing, clearing and June 22.

spraying along the county highways.

Other action taken by the commis-

other offer. Bowden said he did not the delegation that he wants immediate approved the pay raise. However, he action to clear the county roads of later discovered that all employee salary garbage and a legal opinion on what can hikes must be first approved by the

promotions to personnel.

Bowden said he was faced with a

commission the authority to grant According to Commission Chairman raises, the commissioners instructed James L. Sawyer, on numerous occa- Bowden to drop the employee back to sions the county highway department his previous pay scale. has covered over these dumping In other action, the commission

would talk to the district attorney about A motion was also made and legal steps that can be taken to approved for the county to enter into an agreement with the state of Alabama to

Bowden, who was hired last month, sioners included contributing \$1,000 to had several items to discuss with the the Coffee County Association for commissioners, including the county's Retarded Citizens for a summer policy on hiring, firing, and granting workshop.

School Board Files Lawsuit Over Roof For \$2.32 Million

and Jerry Dyess of Mobile. The action Fuller advised the members to proceed must be taken on. stemmed from a "roof inspection and with legal action and take bids on a new service contract" which the company roof. Taylor told the board last week The board also welcomed its newest n August 1972.

part of the contract Celotex agreed to nstalled at the middle school. The the superintendent and two board school year. This figure includes all board is asking for \$69,725 to cover the members on a recent visit to the Eufaula professional staff members including osts of necessary repairs. According to City School system. the board have been trying to work out a Charles Pearce, board members Paul possible primarily by shifting teachers solution to the leaking roof with Celotex King and Lois Holt observed Eufaula's since 1972, but at this time the roof has satellite lunchroom program. Taylor not been sufficiently repaired and still said the meals for all the city schools' teacher who retired at the end of the

Celotex's "willfully and negligently schools. Local officials are looking at mond are being moved from the junior refusing to repair said roof", the alternative lunchroom programs in orhigh school to fill vacancies at the interior and insulation of the school der to keep the three schools from middle school. Mrs. Amison will teach ave been damaged. The suit asks for operating their services at a deficit fifth grade and Hammond will be the \$250,000 to cover these damages. next year.

accuses the three defendents of intenA \$2.32 million lawsuit has been tionally breaching the contract and did not recommend going to a satellite ed in Coffee County Circuit Court by "with bad faith and knowing that the kitchen, but did suggest that mone

e Elba City Board of Education roof could not be repaired, the defencould be saved by centralizing the against Celotex Corporation in connection with a faulty roof at Elba Middle repair the said roof". A sum of \$1 lunchrooms instead of each school million is being sought on each of those having to keep those records. Taylor elotex and two of the corporation's During a recent board of education working on a plan to consolidate the

nployees, James M. Grady of Atlanta meeting, Board Attorney Kenneth buying of many staple items that bids According to the legal document, as responded to the lawsuit.

ay all repair costs necessary to correct Other business discussed during the he has decreased the system's work aks in the roof which the company had monthly meeting included a report from force from 83 to 78 for the 1981-82

entered into with the local school board that these bids will be opened at 2 p.m. member, Mrs. Gladys Yelverton, who on June 23. He also said Celotex has not replaces retiring member Fred Clark.

perintendent Elmer Taylor, he and Taylor, Elba Middle School Principal tendent. This reduction was made aks during rains.

lunchrooms are prepared in one location 1981 school year, will not be replaced,
The suit also contends that due to and then transported to the individual and Pearlie Amison and Chester Ham-